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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

VALENCI ET AL.

Examiner

Jacob Lipman

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 April 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 17-20 and 33-38 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 17-20 and 33-38 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-8, 17-20, and 33-38, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bihlmeyer et al., US Patent number 6,785,811.

With regard to claims 1, 4, 17, and 33, Bihlmeyer discloses a method of associating cryptographic information with a data packet (column 2 lines 10-16), storing the cryptographic information (column 2 lines 2-5), generating a pointer to the cryptographic information (column 2 lines 35-37), passing the pointer from a first system layer to a second system layer (column 7 lines 34-58), accessing the cryptographic information using the pointer (column 2 lines 51-55), performing cryptographic operations on the data packet, and transmitting the data packet (column 6 lines 25-45).

With regard to claims 2, 3, 34 and 35, Bihlmeyer discloses drivers can use the system (column 5 line 48-column 6 line 4).

With regard to claim 5, Bihlmeyer discloses the cryptographic information comprises a security association (column 8 lines 20-41).

With regard to claims 6, 18, and 36 Bihlmeyer discloses the memory can be cache (column 5 lines 45-47).

With regard to claims 7, 8, 19, 20, 37 and 38, Bihlmeyer discloses the pointers are used to populate a cryptographic library after a request to perform cryptographic operations (column 8 lines 20-54).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed April 14 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With regard to applicants argument that pointers containing cryptographic information are not passed, the examiner points to column 7 lines 39-49. Bihlmeyer discloses that void pointers are used to pass the data since the data format might not previously be known. Bihlmeyer is using a void pointer as opposed to an int pointer, char pointer, or other format type pointer, so it can pass any data pointer. This technique is well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Bihlmeyer adds that it adds security to the operation (column 7 lines 49-55).

With regard to applicant's argument that Bihlmeyer does not disclose associating cryptographic information with a data packet, the examiner points out that Bihlmeyer discloses transferring information to other systems over a network (column 5 lines 29-32).

With regard to applicant's argument that the pointer is not being passed between system layers, the examiner points out that the pointer is being passed from the application layer to the library layer. The term system layer is being interpreted in its

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broadest meaning. Applicant argues that the library and applications exist on the same layer, but then states that the library and the application existing on the same layer is a presumption ("another application, thus presumably both reside on the application layer"). The examiner further points out that the application layer could be seen as consisting of other, smaller, system layers.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7 AM-3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on 571-272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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